

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of making a master for manufacturing an optical disc, comprising:

exposing an inorganic resist layer, said inorganic resist layer including an incomplete oxide of tungsten and molybdenum in a ratio of 80 to 20 and including 60 percent atomic oxygen, formed on a substrate to recording laser light modulated by an information signal corresponding to an information signal of an information concave and convex pattern formed on said optical disc to form an exposed pattern corresponding to said information concave and convex pattern of said optical disc, and

performing development processing on said inorganic resist layer to form a concave and convex pattern corresponding to said information concave and convex pattern of said inorganic resist layer, wherein

a trial exposure is performed on a non-recording area of said resist layer, evaluation laser light is irradiated on the non-recording area of said resist layer to evaluate a recording signal characteristic of said resist layer from the reflected light, and based on an evaluation result, an adjustment of an exposure focusing position is performed to determine an optimum focus position of recording laser light which is later performed.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of making a master for manufacturing an optical disc according to claim 1, wherein an area irradiated with said evaluation laser light is an area other than an area irradiated with said recording laser light, said area other than the

area irradiated with said recording laser light is different from the non-recording area of said resist layer.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing an optical disc comprising:

making a master for manufacturing the optical disc;

making a stamper for manufacturing the optical disc from said master through transcription;

manufacturing an optical disc substrate using said stamper through transcription;

forming a reflective film on the optical disc substrate; and

forming a protective film,

wherein making a master for manufacturing the optical disc includes:

exposing an inorganic resist layer, said inorganic resist layer including an incomplete oxide of tungsten and molybdenum in a ratio of 80 to 20 and including 60 percent atomic oxygen, formed on the substrate to recording laser light modulated by an information signal corresponding to an information signal of an information concave and convex pattern formed on said optical disc to form an exposed pattern corresponding to said information concave and convex pattern on said optical disc, and

performing development processing on said inorganic resist layer to form a concave and convex pattern corresponding to said information concave and convex pattern of said inorganic resist layer,

wherein a trial exposure is performed on a non-recording area of said resist layer, evaluation laser light is irradiated on the non-recording area of said resist layer to evaluate a recording signal characteristic of said resist layer from the reflected light, and based on an evaluation result an adjustment of exposure focusing position is performed to determine an optimum focus position of recording laser light which is later performed.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of manufacturing the optical disc according to claim 5, wherein an area irradiated with said evaluation laser light is an area other than an area irradiated with said recording laser light, said area other than the area irradiated with said recording laser light is different from the non-recording area of said resist layer.

Claim 8 (Canceled).